

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the thorough examination of the present application. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-8 and 15 are now present in this application, of which claims 1 and 15 are independent. By this amendment, claims 1 and 15 have been amended.

Drawings

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that the drawings are accepted on page 1 of the Office Action. However, Applicants note that on page 2 of the Office Action the Examiner indicates that the drawings are not approved. Applicants assume that the drawings are accepted.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd Paragraph

Claims 1-8 and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd Paragraph. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner has set forth certain instances wherein the claim language is not clearly understood.

In order to overcome this rejection, Applicants have amended claims 1 and 8 to correct each of the deficiencies specifically pointed out by the Examiner. Support for this amendment can be found, for example, at page 3, line 36 to page 4, line 2, and page 15, line 35 to page 16, line 7. From these passages it is clear that the recordings of the events pertaining to exceptional situations are permanently stored and that the recordings of the normal operation are temporarily stored.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims, as amended, particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-8 and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Spinelli in view of Heyden. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

A complete discussion of the Examiner's rejection is set forth in the Office Action, and is not being repeated here.

Applicants note that the patent issued to Heyden is, at best, only available as prior art under the 35 U.S.C. § 102(e); however, Applicants assert that the subject matter of Heyden and the claimed invention were, at the time the claimed invention was made, owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person. Accordingly, under the provision of 35 U.S.C. § 103(c), Heyden is not available for purposes of rejecting claims 1-8 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

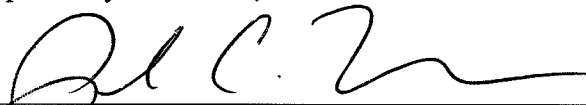
In view of the above amendment, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Chad D. Wells, Registration No. 50,875, at the telephone number of the undersigned below to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees required during the pendency of the above-identified application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.

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